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Local Boards

Levy of licence-fees by President, Chingleput District Board, for the buses running on the road from Madras toll-gate till Kathivara.

* 1757 Q.—Mr. RAMANATH GOENKA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the road from Madras toll-gate (at Saidapet) till Kathivara (near Guindy), was within the jurisdiction of, or was vested in the District Board of Chingleput before April 1927; and, if so, during what period;

(b) whether the said portion of the road is now within the jurisdiction of, or vested in, the Saidapet municipality;

(c) whether it is a fact that the President of Chingleput District Board levied licence-fees till 1st February 1927 for the distance covered by the said road although it did not belong to the district board; and

(d) if answer to (c) is in the affirmative, under what authority the President acted?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The road is within the municipal limits but does not at present vest in the municipal council.

(c) Yes.

(d) Subject to the approval of Government, it is open to the district board to charge such fees for motor-bus licences as it chooses.

Proposed abolition of the Purushottapur Union.

* 1758 Q.—Mr. N. SIVA RAJ: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received resolutions from the Taluk Board of Chatrapur and the District Board of Ganjam recommending the abolition of the Union of Purushottapur, Chatrapur taluk, Ganjam district;

(b) why the President of the Union Board was not given any opportunity to express his opinion or explain the allegations; and

(c) whether they would order further enquiry through the Inspector of Local Boards or the revenue officials before any action is taken?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have no information whether opportunity was given or not.

(c) The President, Union Board, Purushottapur, has submitted a copy of the resolution of the Union Board protesting against the resolution of the Chatrapur Taluk Board for the abolition of the union. A report has been called for from the Inspector of Local Boards to whom the power to approve proposals of district boards to abolish unions with a population of less than 5,000 has been delegated.